

I strongly oppose the CBA's petition that would weaken the Indiana Telephone Privacy Law. Thousands of Indiana residents register under the Indiana law precisely because it is more comprehensive and protective of our privacy than the Federal rules. Unsolicited telemarketing calls are a bane of modern life. The notion that an "established business relationship" should be sufficient to constitute an implied consent to be continually harassed with solicitations for products or services in which one has no interest has no basis in logic. It is merely an invention of aggressive marketing organizations. In Indiana we have a choice. Anyone who in fact does want to be open to calls from "established business relationships" can register under the Federal rules. Those of us who do not can register under the Indiana law. Do not deny us that choice and throw us back in time to a point where our telephones are not tools of voluntary communication, but instruments of officially sanctioned harassment.